

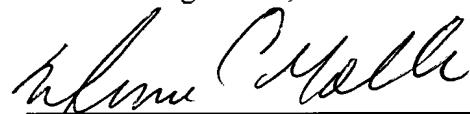
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The Examiner also rejects claims 49, 52, 53, 63, 68, 69 and 70 alleging that the identification of an epitope cannot be anticipated by the amino acid sequence. Applicant vigorously disagrees but in an effort to expedite prosecution, Applicant has deleted all epitope language and respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the aforementioned amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the above-referenced application is now in a condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all outstanding objections and rejections and passes the application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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